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Tom Sherwood to Speak at January Meeting

Tom Sherwood, Channel 4 Television reporter, will be the featured speaker at the January 25 Foggy Bottom Association meeting. All residents, whether FBA members or not, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Sherwood, making his second appearance before the FBA, is the most identifiable TV reporter on D.C. politics. He also reports and writes extensively on the entire city, and actually lives in D.C., in the Tenleytown area. His weekly column, "Tom Sherwood's Notebook," appears in the *Georgetown Current*. His most recent column, as we go to press, was captioned "...And we're off," reporting from his own unique perspective on the elections and Mayor Williams' inauguration and new administration.

The FBA meeting will be held on Monday, January 25, at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 7:30 p.m.

All About the Folks in 20037

By Jim McLeod

With this issue, we begin in the *News* a series bearing on the 40th anniversary of the incorporation of the Foggy Bottom Association in June. First, is Jim McLeod's demographic study of the inhabitants of zip code 20037. We acknowledge that some of Foggy Bottom/West End lies in 20006 or 20036; the major part does lie in 20037.

Many *Foggy Bottom News* readers have 20037 as their zip code. Because the northern boundary for this mailing territory goes up to Q Street, NW, some of the 7,562 residents who receive mail in this zip code are our neighbors in the Dupont Circle area. But the bulk of the zip code is for Foggy Bottom and West End residents; Constitution Avenue forms the boundary on the south, 21st Street on the

east, and Rock Creek Park on the west.

You may wonder what are all these 20037 people like? Thanks to demographic data provided by CACI, Inc., and data from a few other sources, we have some statistical answers for you. Unless otherwise indicated, the data are for 1997.

Age

The median resident's age is 39.1. The highest percentage (21.9) of any age group is 25-to-34 year olds.

Columbia Hospital for Women (2425 L St., N.W.) notes proudly that 4,197 babies were born there in 1997. Given the number of persons who come into the world in 20037, you may be surprised that less than 2 percent of our population is 14 or younger.

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New GWU Hospital Cleared by D.C. Health Planning Agency Hearings Before Zoning Board Continue

The application of District Health Partners, L.P., (DHP) for a certificate of need (CON), was approved by the State Health Planning and Development Agency. GWU and its for-profit partner have plans to build a new facility on Square 40, bounded by Washington Circle, 23rd Street, the I Street Metro mall, 24th Street and New Hampshire Avenue. The approval was the first necessary step; the hospital had requested permission to plan for a 458-bed capacity, but SHPDA's decision limited the new building to 371 beds, stating that the applicant "has not clearly demonstrated the need" for the larger number. (The current hospital has 501 beds

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Progress on Residential K Street and Sidewalks in the Historic District

Maria Tyler
(Commissioner, ANC-2A03)

Many readers will remember the Independence Day weekend in 1996, when work on the rehabilitation of the east end of the Whitehurst Freeway began. The first thing done by the contractor was to chop down all the trees in the center of K Street—trees that had taken an enormous amount of work to get planted. Moreover, the center median was demolished, and all this without advance notice. Following my return home that weekend, I found my answering machine overflowing with residents' complaints. A beautiful oak tree on the 25th and K Street corner was next slated for the ax and could be rescued only by calling Mr. Gary Burch, Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works (DPW) to the site. Further, the crime infested and filthy pedestrian underpass at 26th Street, which had been closed a number of years ago following residents' petitions, was to be reopened and massively expanded. When urgent queries to the authorities brought no response, affected residents formed a "Steering Committee on the Residential Blocks of K Street and Adjacent Areas" to get changes made.

The Committee soon found that the proposals for the residential blocks of K Street east of 27th Street included almost every form of design that would make our residential

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Speaker:

Tom Sherwood
Channel 4 Television Reporter

Monday, January 25, 1999
Wyndham Bristol Hotel
2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
7:30 p.m.

(Next meeting: Monday, February 22)

FBA 1999 Meeting Dates

All meetings are on Monday

February 22
March 29
April 26
May 24
June 28

Benita Belden

Benita Belden, who lived in Foggy Bottom from 1935 to 1995, died in early December at the age of 82. She had lived in Arlington for the last several years. Benita first lived at 2021 Eye Street, and in 1955 purchased 921 Hughes Mews, later buying three others there. (In a December 1996 profile of Benita, Claire Ciftci jokingly wondered if the bank which refused her a loan then would regret it now.)

Benita was well known for her encyclopedic knowledge of reputable handymen, lots of trips with her friends Sara Reese and Beth Fountain, and her enjoyment of card games and gambling. She told of shooting craps with residents of a sort of Shantytown which existed nearby in the very early days.

According to her friends, she was also known for her sense of humor. A note she left ordered her survivors to repair to the refrigerator, collect the "cold cash" therein, and throw a party after her death. Her nephew complied with those wishes, hosting a dinner party for her friends.

William G. Mullen

William G. "Bill" Mullen, a resident of the Gibson on 23rd Street, died in late November at the age of 58. He was the beloved husband of Kate Clinton Mullen; they were married in 1996. Mullen, a graduate of Georgetown and Catholic

University law school, held posts with several trade and professional associations and founded his own association management firm. A memorial service was held at Holy Trinity Church, attended by many of his friends in the trade association community. He is survived by his wife and five adult children, Maureen, Tim, Mike, Tom and Trish and three grandchildren. Kate Clinton is one of the faithful deliverers of the *Foggy Bottom News*; her route is in an area north of Pennsylvania Avenue, on 22nd, 23rd and L Streets.

New Times for West End Library and Great Books Group

The West End Library instituted new, expanded hours in mid-January. The major change is that there are evening hours twice weekly (Monday and Wednesday) a change from being open on Tuesday evening. The new times are:

Monday and Wednesday:
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
& Saturday:
10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

The Great Books group, which has been meeting on Tuesday evenings, now moves to the first Monday evening of each month.

And don't forget: The library has begun again to collect books for its next book sale. All contributions, except for law books or old textbooks, may be placed under the table on your left as you enter the library.

Yes, Virginia, There Was An Inauguration

It was an interesting and significant day, a new day in D.C. New D.C. Councilmembers and a brand new Mayor were installed. Some words from the "new guys in town":

Phil Mendelson, new Councilmember at Large: "Today's 'new era' will be short-lived if we repeat past practices. Upmanship, uncooperativeness, and unnecessary criticism will pull us down."

David Catania, re-elected Councilmember at Large: "...Some (have been permitted) to gain unfair advantage at the expense of the people of this city. Those days are over!"

Anthony A. Williams, Mayor, around the theme of "Bodies and Souls in Motion:" "Our citizens deserve the best city in America. The very best. That means strong schools, safe streets, clean communities, affordable housing, reliable transportation...access to health care, quality services for seniors, a rich social and cultural life; vibrant economies downtown AND in the neighborhoods...true inclusion, a seat at the table for all."

"Government has to deliver. It has to work...No task is too small to make a difference. Caring is delivering. Caring is making an impact, not just an impression. The city must command respect, not just demand it."

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United Foggy Bottom Group Helps Seniors

Jeff Marootian also heads "United Foggy Bottom," the SA program to help seniors and other neighbors with errands and help at home. Students would be especially helpful in projects requiring lifting, moving of heavy items, minor repairs and projects out of the seniors' reach (to preclude seniors getting up on ladders, etc). According to Jeff, some 30 senior citizens are participating. To request UFB's help call Jeff at 994-7100.

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GWU's National Law Center offers free consumer mediation services. Law students, supervised by a lawyer and a professor, act as mediators between local consumers and businesses. The students do not offer legal advice or representation but assist consumers to negotiate their own settlements without court action. The clinic is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 994-7260 for information.

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News from 2D



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Now It's Commander Cockett

The new commander of the Second District of the Metropolitan Police is **Shannon Cockett**, who formerly served as Captain in charge of the "southern" part of 2D. Cockett was named an Inspector last year, and had been expected to head the major narcotics initiative when she completed specialized training this summer at the FBI Academy in Quantico.

However, she was named acting commander of the 2nd District in October while Commander Jacqueline Barnes was on extended leave; when Barnes decided to retire, Chief Ramsey chose Cockett for the 2D post in early January.

According to an article in the *Georgetown Current*, Cockett wants to continue strong relationships with the community already established in 2D.

John Rucker to Detective Sergeant

Effective the first week of January, Sergeant **John Rucker, Jr.** has moved to a new post as a detective sergeant at the Second District. According to Lieutenant Joseph Trippi, who heads the detective squad, additional personnel is needed in this division due to the transfer of responsibilities from "downtown" back to the districts. Rucker has been the sergeant and team leader for Foggy Bottom's Police Service Area 208, which runs from 17th Street to 22nd Street. PSA 207's team leader, Sgt. Robert Panizari, transferred to the detective squad late last year.

MPD Promotions Impact 207 & 208

Chief Ramsey's recently announced promotions will have further impact on Foggy Bottom/West End's PSAs. **MPO Ray Echols**, who has been Acting Sergeant of 207, will gain his promotion to sergeant soon, probably in March. MPD's policy is to move newly promoted sergeants, so 207 will probably lose Echols, unless an exception is made. FBA's president has written to Chief Ramsey requesting an exception, based on the high number of changes in 207 during the past year.

It is possible that Lieutenant **Robert Atcheson** will leave 2D. Atcheson was in charge of PSA 207, replacing Lt. Trippi. For some months he has been acting captain in charge of

the southern part of 2D, a post held by Shannon Cockett before her recent promotion.

Under the new MPD system, each PSA will have one lieutenant, three sergeants, and a master patrol officer. During the next several months, both 207 and 208 will have new or transferred sergeants assigned to them.

November/December Crimes Down Slightly

Many Cases Still Open

In both PSA 207 and 208, the number of offenses in November and December dropped both from the previous month and the same month of 1997. However, the number of cases still open remains quite high, especially in the largest two categories, theft and theft from auto. Closing theft from auto cases, even when the thief is caught, is hampered by lack of witnesses, especially when the victims are tourists who leave valuable items in plain sight, almost begging to have them stolen.

PSA 207 experienced 47 offenses in December (18 thefts from auto), and 59 in November (27 thefts from auto); the total in December 1997 was 56 (21 thefts from auto). In PSA 208, there were 65 offenses in December (23 thefts and 16 thefts from auto), and 77 in November (31 thefts and 18 thefts from auto). A copy of the crime summaries will be available at the FBA meeting January 25.

UPDATE

Kennedy Center Plans on Track

The plans for major additions and changes to the Kennedy Center complex are scheduled to begin in the near future. The first project is the relocation of the water main under F Street, the street just north of the center property. A slight delay in the project, reported earlier, is no longer planned, and changes to the east parking area will begin in the spring.

Red Cross To Vacate E Street Building

According to a recent newsletter, the American Red Cross is proceeding with its plans to tear down its three-story building at 2025 E Street and replace it with a 10-story structure with underground parking. The newsletter states that,

FBNews Seeks New Ad Manager

Steve Timlin, who has been serving admirably as the ad manager for the News, has asked to be relieved of these duties. The position, which involves compensation, involves dealing with current News advertisers and soliciting new ads. Interested parties may contact the editor at 337-5528.

"given the building's historic character," the façade will be preserved. The building was dedicated in 1953 with a keynote address given by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and the plans for the new building were the subject of several meetings and hearings. Many residents were opposed to the increased height and size of the proposed building, which will be located much closer to E Street.



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There were 947 babies born at George Washington Hospital in 1997, but the hospital is in GWU zip code 20052.

Income

There are 5,161 households, with the average household consisting of 1.3 persons. The average household income is \$68,836, with the highest percentage of households (17.5) in the \$50,000 to \$74,999 range. But nearly as many households (15.8%) make less than \$15,000.

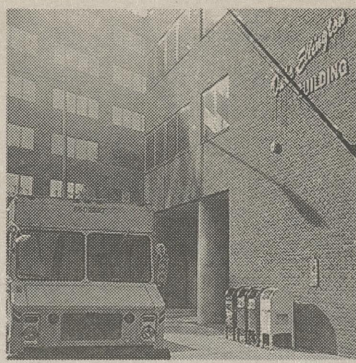
Race

Of the residents in this zip code, 81.3 percent are white, 12.2 percent are Asian/Pacific Islander, 4.5 percent are black, 0.3 percent are American Indian, and 1.7 percent are other races. Within these race categories,

8.4 percent of residents are of Hispanic origins.

Families

As of 1997, there are 812 families with the average family size being 2.07 persons. For a breakdown of type of households, we need to go back to the beginning of the decade. In 1990 there were 1,041 family households and 5,203 non-family households. Of the family households, 12.6 percent have children. Of the non-family households, 85.2 percent are single persons. As these combined figures suggest, there has been a drop in the number of households from 1990 (6,244) to 1997 (5,161). On May 7, 1998, *The Washington Post* reported that Ward 2 lost 4 percent of its population from 1990 to 1997.



Mail to those with a 20037 zip code comes through the USPS Duke Ellington Substation, 2129 Ward Place, N.W., birth site of Duke Ellington.

Education

Again relying on 1990 data, of those residents 25 years old or older, 95.4 percent have high school diplomas, 69 percent have bachelor's degrees, and 37.2 percent have graduate or professional degrees.

Labor Force

As of 1990, 70.2 percent of resident 16 years or older were in the labor force. Most persons (61.5%) were

employed in managerial and professional positions. Only 3.3 percent in the labor force were unemployed. In 1990, 61.8 percent of women with children under 18 were in the work force.

The average travel time to work in 1990 was only 18.2 minutes. Twenty-six percent (26%) of residents got to work using public transportation.

Tom Murphy, a local real estate agent, said this combination of proximity to work and public transportation is very important to prospective home buyers. Long ago, the first bridge from Georgetown to Virginia spurred the development of commuter neighborhoods south of the Potomac. The subway seems to have a similar effect on where downtown workers

live today.

Mr. Murphy stated that the Foggy Bottom and West End housing market competes with other neighborhoods on the Orange Line, such as Courthouse, Clarendon and Ballston. If you use September 1998 morning-peak-hour entry rates for Metro stations as a rough measure, there are thousands of prospective 20037 neighbors already living along the Orange Line in Virginia—2,814 near Courthouse, 1,380 near Clarendon, and 4,544 near Ballston (although Ballston is also the terminal point for many bus lines). For comparison, 1,787 is the peak morning-entry-rate for the Foggy Bottom station. Murphy noted that many prospective buyers have been attracted by the up-to-\$5000 homebuyer credit for first time District home buyers, and by the election of a new mayor. He called 1998 the most phenomenal year in his 16 years selling homes in Foggy Bottom. Sales were up 33 percent, more than double the national average.

Housing

In 1990, there were 7,273 housing units in this zip code area. Of the 6,247 units that were occupied, owners lived in 34.4 percent and renters lived in the remaining 65.6 percent. There were 2,986 condominiums in 1990. Stable residents, those that moved here in 1984 or earlier, accounted for 40.4 percent of the community in 1990. The majority of residents (51.3%) did not own a car in 1990.

Political Affiliations

While voter precincts do not correspond to zip code boundaries, of the total of 4,956 persons registered to vote at one of the three polling places in our Advisory Neighborhood Commission (United Church, St. Mary's Court and West End Library) 53.7 percent are registered as Democrats, 25.7 percent as Independents, 20.2 percent as Republicans, 0.3 percent as Statehood Party, and 0.1 percent as Umoja Party. These are December 1998 figures.

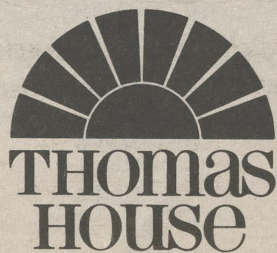
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The Local Kaleidoscope

By John Graves

A Tuba Concerto

A tuba is not a very romantic musical instrument, but when you have an assembly of over 200 playing in good harmony they make quite an impact. They were in concert on the Millennium Stage in the concourse at the Kennedy Center December 14.

The "TUBA CHRIST-

MAS" is a national organization, and in Canada as well, located in Bloomington, Indiana. It's like a fraternity and as they tour the country they notify their local members who join in this mass brass ensemble. The locals are professionals, students, military personnel and teachers of all ages from youngsters in middle school to college alumni. It is truly a huge gathering of Tubas, Double B Flat Sousaphones, Euphoniums (Baritone Horn) including some old-fashioned ones with the double bell—recall that in "The Music Man."



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Columbia Plaza Tenants' President Marilyn Rubin and new ANC Commissioner Barbara Spillinger are served by Doubletree's Gloria Carey

St. Mary's Xmas Party

Christmas was party time again at St. Mary's with music, beverages, goodies at the buffet including a buche de noel. There were gifts for everyone through the generosity of Potomac Plaza Terraces. Marian Owens

and Judge Blair assisted Santa Claus—and it wasn't Jack Evans this year.

A Good Neighbor Thanks Us

For many years the Doubletree Hotel, formerly the Guest Quarters on New Hampshire, has been inviting its Foggy Bottom neighbors in for a Thanksgiving feast. This was my first year and I am mystified how I could have missed such a wonderful folksy occasion.

First, guests are expected to contribute some non-perishable foods which are distributed to those in need. Then you are ushered into the many rooms for the goodies. And here is the big surprise. Those goodies are all prepared by the employees—everything except the spirits at the open bar. That's right, there is no chef and the hotel has no kitchen (those gorgeous chocolate chip cookies are cooked right there in a hotel apartment oven). Here they use different stoves and ovens in the hotel suites. Those kind

employees baked the ham, roasted the turkeys, made the stuffing (dressing), sweet potatoes, corn, gravy, and on and on, including the pies and cakes and coffees; I'm sure the rolls and butter were commercial; so was the after dinner liqueur!

Foggy Bottom Diner

The Foggy Dogg

by Jim Patterson

Foggy Bottom has a new neighbor: The **Foggy Dogg** restaurant located at 2519 Pennsylvania Avenue—the former location of Brasil Sol e Mar. Although in business only nine weeks, **Foggy Dogg** is quickly gaining a reputation for affordable, quality dining. And owner Nader Hasan and chef John Anderson have big plans for the future, including Sunday brunch.

At first glance, **Foggy Dogg** is brighter and more stylized than Brasil Sol e Mar. The dining room is comfortable and chatty. The upper level, which has already been used for receptions, contains a bar and several fashionable chairs for customers to enjoy. In the future, the upper level may be used for musical entertainment.

Foggy Dogg caters to customers with a taste for fine food elegantly presented. I enjoyed a kabob platter with rice and vegetables. The beef kabob virtually melted in my mouth, it was so tender and delicately prepared.

Foggy Dogg's menu offers an assortment of six appetizers ranging from \$4.25 for the soup of the day to \$8.95 for pan-seared shrimp. On my visit, I enjoyed the hearty barley soup, which was simply perfect for a cold winter day. Salads range in price from \$4.50 for the house salad to pan-seared shrimp salad at \$10.95. I'll have to enjoy a salad on a future visit. By the way, the **Foggy Dogg** is the type of restaurant that you will enjoy visiting and inviting your friends to visit also. It is a classy place.

Entrees include seafood fettuccine (\$17.95), filet mignon and portabello mushrooms (\$17.95), and tomato and spinach ravioli (\$12.95) for vegetarians. **Foggy Dogg** also serves daily specials which highlight the talents of chef John Anderson.

Foggy Dogg is just perfect for Foggy Bottom! High quality food and service at affordable prices. Plan your next meal at **Foggy Dogg** by calling for reservations at 463-3025. It will be a meal to remember. And don't leave without trying owner Hasan's mother's homemade baklava—it is the best I've had anywhere.

Erratum

In the December piece credited to John Graves but about the GWU students, taken by the ubiquitous Jane the photos were incorrectly Lingo.

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Whitehurst, (from page 1)

area look like a high speed throughway. They included Jersey barriers from 27th Street to 25th Street and a sidewalk to Georgetown placed below the level of K Street; nothing was provided to ameliorate the impact of through traffic on the appearance and safety of our community.

Eventually, the Committee had a response from DPW. As a result, a cooperative system gradually emerged. For 2 1/2 years, the Steering Committee has been working with DPW to ensure that the rehabilitation was sensitive to the character of residential K Street and the surrounding areas. There have been monthly meetings with Mr. Gary Burch, at times not without difficulties as far as they concerned those in day-to-day charge of the reconstruction, who had the attitude that automobiles and concrete are all that matters, and that residential neighborhoods should take second place to commuter traffic. It is to the great credit of Mr. Burch that he became responsive to our love of our neighborhood and the importance of protecting it. However, it has required great vigilance and hard work by the Committee and at times daily supervision of the actual construction to ensure that DPW project managers and the contractor built what the Committee had actually agreed upon with Mr. Burch.

Cooperation/Persistence Bore Fruit

We can now begin to see some fruits of our labor. The proposal to reopen and greatly expand the dangerous pedestrian tunnel under K Street at 26th Street was abandoned at our request. Access ramps which meet the standard requirements for disabled persons have been installed at 26th Street to reach K Street, where there will be a pedestrian controlled traffic light. A wide sidewalk on the south side of K Street makes it possible to walk comfortably to Georgetown.

After long negotiations, the Jersey barriers in the 2500 block were replaced by lower metal barriers, and the Jersey barriers in the 2600 block are currently being replaced. The metal barriers and the railings along the sidewalks, with the red/brown paint, the residential Washington Globe design street lights along K Street—not the highway "Cobra" style—all of it is much more attractive than what was originally planned.

Other significant results in the 2500 block of K Street are: (1) the herringbone pattern brick sidewalks on the south and north side of K Street, with the north side widened by nearly 2 feet; (2) the widening and herringbone bricking of the south median, connecting to the sidewalk to Georgetown, and its extension eastward to protect the residential neighborhood from illegal through traffic; (3) the lengthening and bricking of the north median; (4) the planting of some 55 trees along the north and south sidewalks, and the three medians of K Street, plus winter

barberry bushes that will be planted in the extension of the south median; and (5) the landscaping of the area west of 26th Street to Rock Creek Parkway, with many tree plantings.

Still to Come

A number of important issues still await resolution and completion: (1) the installation of signs, such as 25 MPH speed limits, and prohibited turns; (2) the pedestrian crossing at 26th Street; (3) the lengthening of the pedestrian cycle at the 25th and K traffic lights; and (4) adjustment of the median on the north side of the 25th Street intersection, as a means of preventing illegal turns from the center lanes onto 25th Street (DPW is designing an alternative that will be more efficient in preventing illegal turns but will not impede residents from entering the service road.)

The Committee took the opportunity to persuade Mr. Burch to redo the sidewalks in the Foggy Bottom Historic District (FBHD) in keeping with the rules governing historic districts. A tireless follow-up ensured that all the old brick sidewalks were renewed and the concrete sections redone in brick. Many neighbors have lauded the workmanship of the bricklayers. The work has enhanced the appearance of our historic district. The rebricking and repair of the drainage system in the park on 26th Street has undergone a long waiting period but this job is next in line. The only section of sidewalk left untouched in the historic district is on the south side of the 2400 block of K Street. This section will be replaced with brick and widened in the context of the rehabilitation of the bridge across K Street at 24th Street and other work in that block, which is scheduled for later this year.

Committee Members Made It Happen

In total, what started out as a potential disaster has ended with a great overall improvement in our residential neighborhood. Next spring, when most of the work should be completed and the trees will be in bloom, residents will be able to enjoy the outcome of almost three years of work. It is a very relevant example of how citizens can become active participants in the renewal of our city, as Mayor Tony Williams so strongly urges.

In conclusion, readers may like to know who worked on the Committee. They were Doug Abbey, then of the Barclay House, now in his new home on 25th Street, Jenny Brake of the Bader, Janet and Charles Farbstein of the Claridge House, Judy and Ed Gable of the Griffin, Shirley Monstra of the Swarthmore, Jon Nowick of the Potowmac Overlook, now, sadly for us, no longer in Foggy Bottom, Geoffrey Tyler of 25th Street, and myself as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner. All brought special knowledge based on their experience in the neighborhood. They were the ones who came up with the ideas for improving the project, and helped persuade Mr. Burch that the improvements were workable and important for the preservation and enhancement of our residential neighborhood.



Valentine Recital Planned at St. Stephen's

On Sunday, February 14, a recital entitled "Be My Love: A Musical Valentine" will be held at St. Stephen Martyr Church at 3:00 p.m. The musicians invite you to celebrate the love you share with that special person, and attend this special recital of love songs, arias and duets. Lehar, Rossini, Donizetti and Romberg are included in this musical valentine, featuring soprano Gretchen McNeil and tenor Alex Charles Klebenow. St. Stephen's is located at 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Call 785-0982 for more information.

Arts Club Features David Febland's City of Rhythms

by Kate McLeod

The artwork of David Febland will be highlighted at the Arts Club of Washington, January 27-February 28, with an opening reception being held February 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at 1717 I Street, N.W. Febland's oil-on-linen paintings, which explore the complex questions of individualism and mass identity, are being displayed in major cities and in *Harper's Magazine*. Said art critic Mark St. John Erickson of Febland's work, "...every artist would like to pack this much abundance into a single work." Also on display will be the works of the Arts Club Painting workshop.

Poet Edith Graciela Sanabria will perform poems from her book *Latin American Soul*, accompanied by Andean music, on Wednesday, January 27, at 7 p.m. The free Friday concert series will begin on January 29 at noon. For information on these and other events, call the Arts Club of Washington at 331-7282. The galleries are open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m. Most events and exhibits are free.

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Hospital (from page 1) but has not been operating at capacity.) The decision was announced in late December by Regina Knox Woods, SHPDA Director. The new building would replace the current hospital across 23rd Street from the planned facility.

The application was opposed by ANC-2A, based on concerns for traffic and other matters (especially the safety of extremely heavy pedestrian traffic on the west side of 23rd street), and because they felt that zoning regulations do not allow for a for-profit hospital to be built within the campus area. Others testifying against the proposal were Gerald P. Beaulieu, Acting President and Chief Executive Officer of Columbia Hospital for Women. In his filing, Beaulieu called SHPDA's attention to DHP's failure to address the fact that a women's hospital is in close proximity and GWU's proposed women's health services center would be duplicative. There were also a number of residents who requested that the application be denied.

Zoning Approval Still Pending

Another stage in the approval process is for approval of the new plans by the Board of Zoning Adjustment, which has held two hearings, with another scheduled in March. The

first hearing was taken up with presentations by GWU and the hospital representatives, and opponents were able to testify at the second hearing on January 5. The major presentation was made by ANC-2A's Dorothy Miller and Maria Tyler, assisted by Matthew Watson, ANC's counsel. Also testifying in opposition was Ellie Becker of the Foggy Bottom Association, Jacqueline Lemire of the Foggy Bottom Historic District Conservancy, Patti Wilson of Foggy Bottom Mews, and Maria Tyler in her capacity as Commissioner for her single member district and for the Jefferson House Condominium. (The Jefferson House and Foggy Bottom Mews are the two multiple-family complexes nearest to the proposed facility.) Individuals who appeared for themselves were Douglas Abbey, Charles Farbstein, and James McLeod.

All parties reiterated the problems the new facility would generate, due to the heavy traffic which already exists on 23rd and 24th Streets, especially the former. A special concern was the heavy pedestrian traffic on the west side of 23rd Street and along Washington Circle which would be crossed by emergency and other hospital traffic.

Another concern, illustrated graphically by photos

and slides presented by the Conservancy, is the proposed loading dock to be located on 24th Street just north of the I Street Metro mall. In addition to the usual unsightly views presented by loading docks, the specter of large delivery trucks turning into the dock and possibly backing out into 24th Street is cause for alarm.

DPW Forecasts "Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic Problems"

Two representatives of the Department of Public Works reported on their analysis of the transportation impacts the proposed hospital would have on the area. They suggested major changes to the hospital's plans, stressing that their changes would mitigate some of the problems but probably cause others.

Suggestions include widening of the 23rd Street sidewalk to 12 feet; moving the emergency room entrance to 23rd Street and further south than currently planned; moving of the main entrance to New Hampshire Avenue and the loading dock to 23rd Street and enlarging it to allow for turnarounds within the building. They also stated that they would require compliance in order to issue permits to cross public space.

Phillip Schaengold, hospital CEO, told the *News* that they agree with widening the sidewalk, but disagree with the other findings. He said they will try to persuade DPW that their current plans are appropriate. Final plans and rebuttals are due February 8 and the next hearing on the application is scheduled for March 3.

Foggy Bottom Folks

Christmas in Spain: what a delightful thought. And **Maureen Enders** of Potomac Plaza had that thought. She left FB on December 22, and her tour included visits to Portugal, Morocco and the Shrine of Fatima.

And yet another delightful thought: Christmas on the QE2! That was the thought—and action—of Eye Street's **Carl and Norah Peter**, who enjoyed a holiday cruise on the fabulous liner, traveling to various points in the Caribbean.

Some other visits in the past months were not so pleasant. **Joe Brockenberry** of St. Mary's Court had a hospital stay but happily is back at his afternoon and evening post behind the Court's front desk. **Joanie Mirman** has also experienced a forced away-from-home for the holidays,

and her mother Naomi and friends hope she'll be back soon. Patch, the loveable Mirman canine, also misses her!

John L. Cooper, a resident of the Watergate complex, was honored recently for his leadership role in the United Church, 20th & G Streets, N.W. The church council and the congregation acknowledged his contributions over the past 25 years, including his role in negotiating the merger of two churches into one. He served as the first council president after the merger, participated in the drafting and revising of the constitution, served as the chairman of the Board of Trustees, and handled matters which put the church on a solid financial foundation. The church lounge was named in his honor, and a bronze plaque was placed at the lounge entrance.

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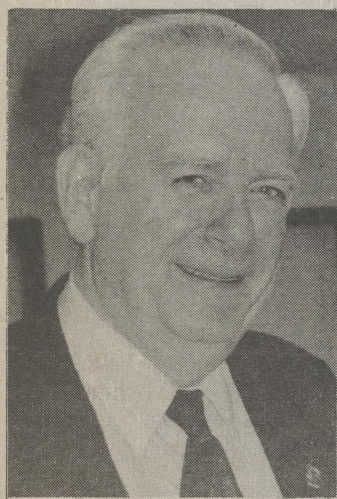
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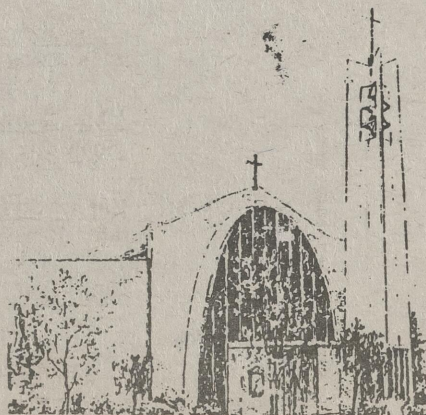
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Catherine Stuart Continues the One Step Down Jazz Tradition

by Kate McLeod



Catherine Stuart, manager of One Step Down

Catherine Stuart took over management of One Step Down jazz club 17 months ago, and although she often works 20-hour days, to her it is well worth it. At the club located at 2517 Pennsylvania Avenue, Stuart has hired a new cook, revamped the kitchen, and added a southern menu, but she is planning to book bigger jazz acts and one big blues act the last Thursday of every month. While keeping up the jazz tradition of the One Step Down, Stuart also is working on a website that will feature live jazz acts for subscribers, One Step Down merchandise, and a jazz cookbook. The jazz cookbook, which Stuart is compiling now, will feature favorite recipes of jazz musicians and staffers, and profits from the sale of the \$20.00 cookbooks will send top D.C. high school jazz talent to the Berkeley School of Music this summer. The two top jazz artists from every D.C. high school will be invited

to audition, and Stuart will send as many of the finalists to Berkeley as money allows. The cookbook will be out next month.

Raising funds for young musicians is very much a tradition of One Step Down, which has long been known as a place for young jazz musicians to get their chance. Every Tuesday and Thursday night, local musicians play the club, and every Sunday afternoon the jam sessions continue just as they have since the 1960s. Any musician can join the Sunday afternoon jam sessions.



Virginia Talamantes, a Foggy Bottom resident & jazz fan, in front of a club stained glass window paying homage to jazz

One Step Down, which is the oldest continuous jazz club in D.C., the second oldest in the nation, has seen the likes of Dwey Redmond, Dexter Gordon, Chet Baker, and Shirley Horne pass through its doors. For Stuart, it is equally important that One Step Down continues to be a mainstay of the Foggy Bottom community, a place where neighbors meet neighbors, where

Stuart often knows the name of every person who passes through the doors. One Step Down also is where jazz is affordable to everyone. For a \$5 dollar cover charge, patrons get to hear all the jazz they want on Tuesday and Thursday nights. For slightly more, they get to hear bigger name jazz acts on weekends. Every Monday night, the Big Band 16-piece orchestras play at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., and patrons can stay all night for that one cover charge. One Step Down remains one of the clubs that doesn't "turn the house," sending patrons packing when one act ends and another begins. Many Foggy Bottom residents come for the happy hour that starts at 5:30 p.m. every week night except Wednesday when the club is closed.

When asked why she does it, everything from sweeping the tables to booking the acts to serving patrons, in between helping musicians set up, she says, "I do it for the love of music. It's something real and true. It's not for the money. There is no money in jazz. I know almost everyone who comes in, musicians and patrons. It's like family, and I love every one of them." She notes that there is no one kind of person who comes to One Step Down. The patrons are an eclectic mix of everything from students to professionals, and everyone in between. "There's nowhere else like it in D.C.," she says, noting the warm, intimate atmosphere of the club.

"It's a real power place for jazz," Stuart adds. "Anyone who is anybody (in jazz) has been here."

Rusty Hassan, a D.J. for D.C.'s classic jazz station, 89.3, WPFW, and a Georgetown University instructor teaching courses on Duke Ellington and Jazz History, notes that One Step Down has always been important to the jazz community, representing important artists who don't play the big name clubs, including Ron Holloway, Buck Hill, Andrew White, and Cedar Walton. Hassan, who has been a regular at the club since Joe Cohen first opened the club in 1963, recalls that it was a mecca for students

Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, January 25: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring Channel 4 reporter, Tom Sherwood. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m. ALL FOGGY BOTTOM RESIDENTS WELCOME!

Wednesday, January 27: Poetry reading by Edith Graciela Sanabria from her book *Latin American Soul*, accompanied by Andean music. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 27-Sunday, February 28: Exhibit of David FeBland's oil-on-linen paintings, as well as works from the Arts Club Painting Workshop. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 p.m. (See article in this issue.)

Thursday, January 28 through July 4: Exhibit, "George Washington: Architect," dedicated to the "considerable design talents of our first president." On display are artifacts, drawings, manuscripts and paintings of Mount Vernon and Washington, D.C. The Octagon house and galleries, 1799 New York Avenue, N.W. \$3; \$1.50 for students and seniors. Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 30: Washingtoniana Book Sale, sponsored jointly by the Friends of the Washingtoniana Division, D.C. Public Library, and the Historical Society of Washington, D.C. Historical Society of Washington, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2: "Becoming a Vegetarian-The Bounty of Beans, Seeds and Nuts," a workshop on the basics of vegetarian nutrition, food selection and preparation, and menu-planning. Presented by Cyndi Reeser, MPH, RD, LD and Vegetarian Nutritionist, GW Center for Integrative Medicine. \$10 per class; series will continue monthly; call 994-8870 for information. GW Hospital Cafeteria-Special Functions Room, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 14: "Be My Love: A Musical Valentine," a special recital of love songs, arias and duets. Featured are soprano Gretchen McNeill and tenor Alex Klebenow. St. Stephen Martyr Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 3:00 p.m. (See article this issue.)

Wednesday, February 17: "The Burning of Washington: The British Invasion of 1814," presented by Anthony Pitch, with vignettes from his book on that time in history. Included is information on the Octagon's role as temporary White House following the torching of the city. Reservations needed; \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Call 626-7387. The Octagon, 1799 New York Avenue, N.W. 6:45 p.m.

Through Friday, February 26: Exhibition, "Transformations: Mixed Media Assemblages by Keith Krueger," 15 sculpture works created from "architectural debris." American Institute of Architects Gallery, 1799 New York Avenue, N.W. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

from the time it opened. glass windows paying homage to jazz. The jam sessions and great music continue, and Foggy Bottom residents, past and present, still are loyal to One Step Down. The jukeboxes are still Down schedule, call 955-7140, as well as the stained

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